

### Amendments to the Abstract

Please replace the section entitled ABSTRACT section with the following amended

Abstract section:

A method and apparatus for an improved luer fitting connector ~~is disclosed. The, in one embodiment, has~~ a luer fitting connector ~~includes~~ including a male or female luer fitting member and a locking member. The locking member may have at least one of a skeletal handle, a finlike handle, a cavity grip, and an undulating grip. The luer fitting connector also may include a male or female luer fitting member having a conical restraining surface and a locking member having a plateau shaped protrusion. A method of assembly of luer fitting connector members ~~is also disclosed. The method~~ may include providing a male or female luer fitting member having a conical restraining surface and providing a locking member having a plateau shaped protrusion. The method also may include mounting the locking member upon the male or female luer fitting member from the rear.